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TRIPOLI MARCH 27, FROM TUNIS REPEATED TO YOU QUOTE:

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1. DEPARTMENT' S ATTENTION IS DRAWN TO FRONT- PAGE
ARTICLE WHICH APPEARED IN LE MONDE MARCH 21
CONCLUDING THAT USG IS BASICALLY SATISFIED WITH PRESENT
SITUATION IN MIDDLE EAST AND CONTEMPLATES NO PEACE
INITIATIVE AT PRESENT TIME. ARTICLE IS WRITTEN BY
ERIC ROULEAU AND DRAWS HEAVILY ON ALLEGED QUOTES FROM
TOP USG OFFICIALS (NAMES UNSPECIFIED) WHO SUPPOSEDLY
ECHO FOREGOING THESIS.

2. SINCE LE MONDE IS READ AS " THE BIBLE" BY

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EDUCATED TUNISIANS, ESPECIALLY BY FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS, AND SINCE ROULEAU IS GENERALLY CONSIDERED TO BE A RELIABLE REPORTER, ARTICLE IS HAVING UNFAVORABLE IMPACT HERE. TUNISIAN BELIEVE THAT USG NOT RPT NOT SATISFIED WITH CURRENT SITUATION IN MIDDLE EAST-- A BELIEF WHICH EMBASSY ENCOURAGED-- AND TUNISIAN HOPES THAT USG WOULD TAKE LEAD IN PROMOTING SETTLEMENT HAVE BEEN SOMEWHAT SHAKEN. ROULEAU ARTICLE ONLY MAKES MORE DIFFICULT OUR TASK OF PERSUADING MODERATE ARABS, INCLUDING PALESTINIANS, THAT THERE IS REALISTIC ALTERNATIVE TO FEDAYEEN EXTREMISM. SEELYE UNQUOTE ROGERS

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